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1. BRAZIL

2. (C) GEN MURICY PESSIMISTIC OVER PRESENT COURSE OF CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS

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4. MARCH-MAY 1973

5. RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 MAY 1973

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7. GEN (RET) ANTONIO CARLOS DA SILVA MURICY

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15. ---1. (C) GEN MURICY, FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY AND NOW A PROSPEROUS EXECUTIVE, MAINTAINS HIS LONG-STANDING INTENSIVE LIAISON WITH MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH HIERARCHY. HE ALSO REMAINS IN CONTACT WITH HIS LIFE-LONG MILITARY COLLEAGUES, AND SEES ARMY MINISTER GEISEL AT LEAST ONCE EACH WEEK. DURING MY RECENT TWO-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH GEN MURICY, I FOUND HIM FAR LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN HE NORMALLY IS OVER CHURCH-

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STATE RELATIONS. HE WAS ESPECIALLY DISTRESSED OVER THE PROVOCATIVE POSTURES ASSUMED 6 -9 0-7)9'S CARDINAL ARNS AND SOME OF HIS SUBORDINATES, AND BY THE ARMY II ARMY COMMANDER, GEN HUMBERTO DE SOUZA MELLO.

2. (C) A NEW INGREDIENT WHICH HAD SERVED TO IRRITATE THE ADMINISTRATION WAS A MANIFESTO ISSUED ON 6 MAY BY A GROUP OF BISHOPS AND HEADS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS IN NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL. GEN MURIACY ALLOWED ME TO READ A COPY OF THE MIMEOGRAPHED 30-PAGE MANIFESTO, ENTITLED "I HEARD THE CALMORS OF MY PEOPLE". HE POINTED OUT PASSAGES IN THE TEXT WHICH PURPORT TO ATTRIBUTE TO THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN CAPITAL IN BRAZIL FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BACKWARDNESS OF THE NORTHEAST. HE ALSO IDENTIFIED THE MANIFESTO'S RELIANCE ON TIRED-OLD MARXIST SLOGANS AS IT MAKES CARELESS AFFIRMATIONS WITHOUT OFFERING THE SLIGHTEST EVIDENCE. GEN MURIACY HAD UNDERLINED A PASSAGE IN WHICH THE BISHOPS CRITICIZED FOREIGN-DOMINATED NATIONAL INDUSTRY BECAUSE IT USES TECHNOLOGY WHICH FAVORS THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS FOR THE WEALTHY. THE GENERAL LAUGHED AT THE LUDICROUS STATEMENT AND SAID THAT THE BISHOPS APPARENTLY DON'T FEEL THAT MODERN TECHNOLOGY HAS INCREASED THE PRODUCTIVITY AND REDUCED THE COST OF PROCESSED FOODS--AN AREA OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE POOR.

3. (C) GEN MURIACY HAD HOPED THAT GEN HUMBERTO WOULD LEAVE THE SAO PAULO COMMAND WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS, BUT HE NOW BELIEVES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT ALTER ITS MAJOR COMMANDS UNTIL A NEW PRESIDENT IS SELECTED AND INSTALLED. THUS, HE EXPECTS CONTINUING LACK OF COOPERATION FROM HUMBERTO IN THE KEY SAO PAULO ARENA OF CHURCH-STATE DISCORD. GEN MURIACY IS DISAPPOINTED IN CARDINAL ARNS' UNWILLINGNESS TO EXERT FIRMER CONTROL OVER SUBORDINATES WHO WRITE IN THE CHURCH PAPER "O SAO PAULO," A CONSTANT SOURCE OF PROVOCATION TO THE SECURITY ESTABLISHMENT.

COMMENT: (C) MURIACY DOES NOT GIVE UP EASILY, THUS, DESPITE HIS CURRENT LACK OF OPTIMISM, HE WILL CONTINUE TO PUT OUT LOCAL FIRES THROUGH DIALOGUE AND APPEALS TO HIS FRIENDS WITHIN THE HIERARCHIES OF THE CHURCH AND THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. THE MANIFESTO OF THE BISHOPS OF THE NORTHEAST HAD BEEN BLASTED IN AN EDITORIAL OF 25 MAY IN THE INFLUENTIAL "O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO" NEWSPAPER. THE PAPER LAMENTS THE OBVIOUS "PENETRATION OF MARXIST IDEAS AND PRINCIPLES, SO ABHORRED BY THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE, AMONG MEN WHO HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS COUNTRY, WHERE RELIGION CONSTITUTES A STRONG ELEMENT IN GUIDING CONSCIENCES." XGDS (2)

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